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Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.501, the patent owner herewith makes the following prior art of record in the United States prosecution file:

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United States Patent No. 5,189,370

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The above references were cited in a Search Report rendered by the German Patent Office in connection with the counterpart German application on May 20, 2005, after the above application had been allowed. The references and the German Office Action were not received by the undersigned counsel for the Applicants until after the issue fee had been paid.

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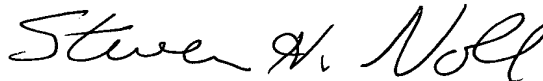
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